

Water 2025 | Guiding Principles | Community Survey Results

Water 2025 is a long-term planning project to replace the city's aging Semper Water Treatment Facility and ensure high-quality drinking water for our community now and into the future.

The Water 2025 Community Working Group (comprised of local neighborhood/civic/business groups and residents) identified a list of community values for consideration and prioritization through a community-wide survey.

The following survey results were collected in person at the Westminster Halloween Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018, as well as through a survey link that was published in The Weekly on Oct. 25 and ran through Nov. 1.

Overall, 106 community members participated in the survey. The top three (3) values identified by the community are:

1. Provides seamless service and high-quality product (drinking water)
2. Sustainably manages natural resources
3. Reduces energy/cost related to pumping

If you have any questions, please visit the [project webpage](#), email water2025@cityofwestminster.us or call the project hotline at 303-223-6586.

Survey Results Table: 106 Total Respondents

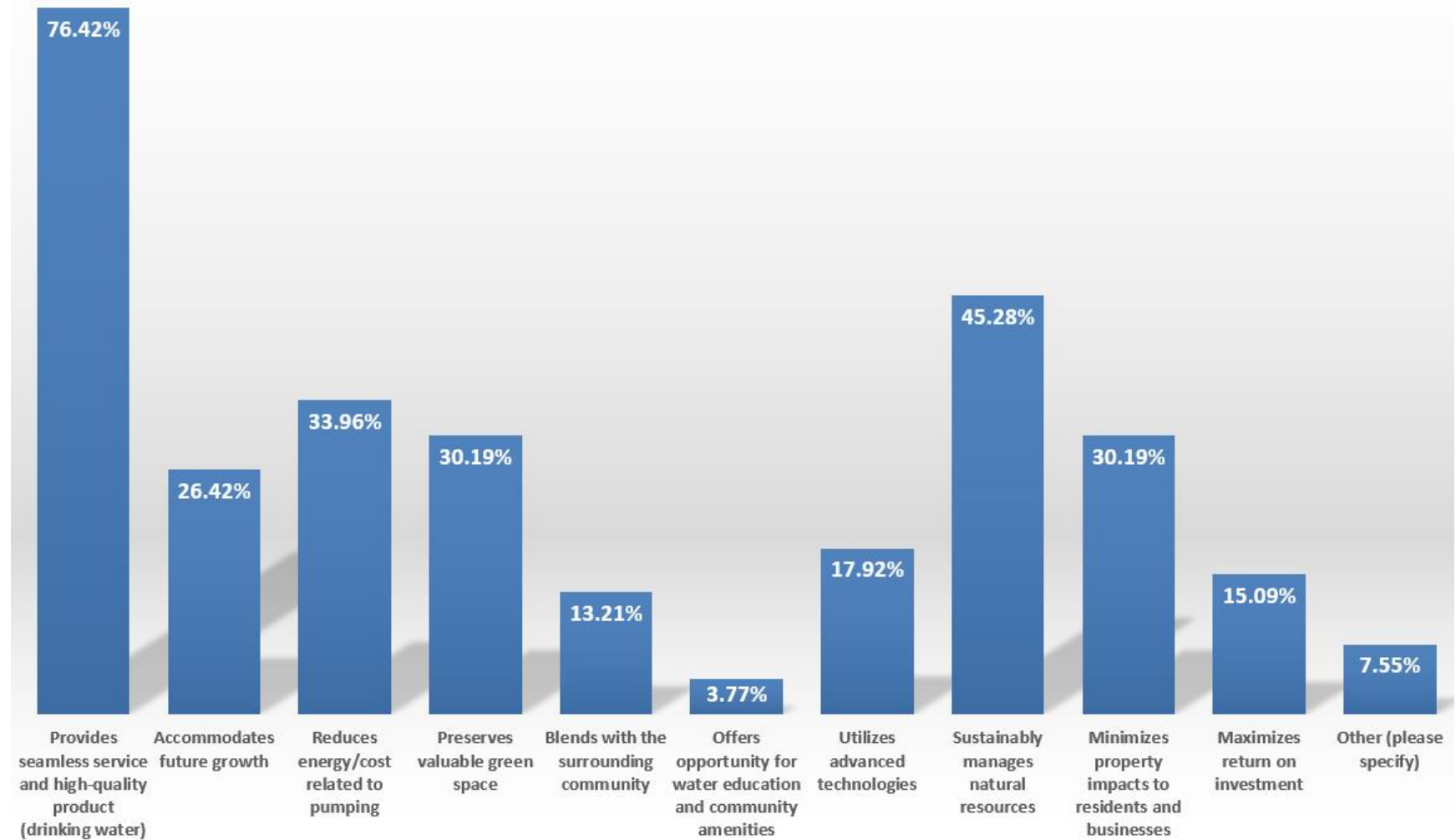
Please help prioritize our community values by choosing your top 3:

<u>Answer Choices</u>	<u>Total Responses*</u>	
Provides seamless service and high-quality product (drinking water)	76.42%	81
Sustainably manages natural resources	45.28%	48
Reduces energy/cost related to pumping	33.96%	36
Preserves valuable green space	30.19%	32
Minimizes property impacts to residents and businesses	30.19%	32
Accommodates future growth	26.42%	28
Utilizes advanced technologies	17.92%	19
Maximizes return on investment	15.09%	16
Blends with the surrounding community	13.21%	14
Other	7.55%	8
Offers opportunity for water education and community amenities	3.77%	4
Total Respondents: 106	300%	318

**Response percentage greater than 100% because each respondent chose their top three values, (300% total)*

(See graph on page 2 for Survey Results Graph)

Survey Results Graph





Design Working Group Quality of Life Questions

The Design Working Group (DWG) worked in groups to answer four big picture quality of life questions as they relate to the WATER 2025 project.

What are your expectations for the facility?

Group 1

- Low noise
- Renewable energy
- Unobstructive of view and traffic
- Aesthetically pleasing
- Minimize impact to wildlife - integrated and native
- Does not smell
- Secured from terrorism and other threats

Group 2

- Environmentally conscious
- Meets future needs not current
- Quality water treatment
- Adds value to area
- Incorporate technology
- Aesthetically pleasing - Landscape architecture ties to area
- Low environmental impact during construction

Group 3

- Doesn't block views
- Sets the precedent for future city projects, raises the bar
- Transparency - citizens provide input before decisions are made
- Minimize footprint
- Low profile
- Provide great water, maintain quality and improve, gold standard
- Exceed projected capacity
- Fits in and doesn't stick out
- Aesthetically pleasing, water wise landscaping

How can this facility improve your quality of life?

Group 1

- Treatment plant provides drinking water and is more capable and resilient
- Water tastes great
- Enough water supply for population
- Environmentally sustainable
- Site preserve / stabilizes environmental impact
- No fracking
- Provides education
- Environmentally friendly



Group 2

- If done well, facility can enhance open space and property values
- Improve water taste
- Enhance resiliency, more flexible
- Minimize impacts from origination
- Allow use of different water sources
- Financial predictability (water bill and control)

Group 3

- Brings community together
- Maintain high quality water
- Improve taste of water (ok right now)
- Educates public
- Encourages conservation
- Provides additional amenities for visitors
- Public areas that respects open space
- Improve trail interconnectivity
- Add bike lanes nearby
- Pave existing trail

Water are your concerns?

Group 1

- Project is kept on schedule over time
- Zoning / impact to surrounding properties
- Construction management and timing (minimize impact to wildlife and nesting season)
- Where is the plant sited on the property?
- Noise and dust during construction
- Maintain views

Group 2

- Construction phase
- Noise pollution, traffic, air quality
- Wildlife impact
- Access to open space
- Appearance of landscaping
- Impacts during implementation
- Turn on
- Water conservation at fore front
- Communication, outreach, education
- Property values
- Security of facility while opening it to the public

Group 3

- Impact to open space
- Cost
- Security of facility / threat of attack
- Traffic



- Impacts to wildlife
- Noise and light pollution
- Smell
- Operating noise
- Waste/runoff from construction and facility

What is your vision for how the completed facility enhances the overall community?

Group 1

- Low footprint
- Landscape buffer and integration into existing site and habitat
- Maintain safe drinking water
- Additional trails
- Preserve / enhance views
- State of the art technology that benefits residents now and into the future
- Education for school kids, other cities and utilities
- Alternative energy options
- Maintain view corridors

Group 2

- Sets an example on connecting the facility into the local environment
- Long term planning with sustainability at the core
- Foresight on long term costs
- Multi-functional with ties to open space and learning opportunities
- Educational
- No big fences

Group 3

- Brand new / fresh
- Consistent, high quality water
- Physically well integrated with community
- Provide employment / training opportunities
- Additional trees and landscaping
- Attractive architecture
- Low profile
- Green roof, low impact landscaping
- Pollinator landscaping
- Community space
- Mixed use
- Makes city self-reliant for water
- No visible giant white tanks
- Serves / educates kids: field trips, engagement, education